

What's New in the MPDC

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MPDC SIGNS HISTORIC USE-OF-FORCE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mayor Williams and Chief Ramsey this week signed an historic Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the US Department of Justice that will help the MPDC continue to reform its use-of-force policies and procedures without saddling the District with a costly and restrictive consent decree. The MOA outlines approximately 100 specific steps the MPDC must take to continue improvements in such areas as training, receiving and investigating citizen complaints, and canine procedures. Many of these reforms have already been initiated and, in some cases, substantially implemented, over the last two years, as the MOA was being developed. In January 1999, in an unprecedented move for a major city, the Mayor and the Chief asked the Justice Department to come in and assist the MPDC in investigating and improving its use-of-force policies and procedures. DOJ experts and MPDC personnel have worked since then to develop the specific information contained in the MOA that was signed this week. During that period, many reforms were implemented, which helped to produce dramatic reductions in police use of deadly force and citizen complaints against officers. For more information on the signing of the MOA, see the Justice Department news release at:

Part of the MOA requires the MPDC to better facilitate citizen reporting of excessive force and other complaints against the police, in coordination with DC's new Office of Citizen Complaint Review. Prior to the signing of the MOA, the MPDC has worked to make more information available to the community on the citizen complaint process. Get details on how the process works at:

*www.mpd.org
(Click on Services & Programs)*

www.mpd.org (Click on News)

NON-EMERGENCY PHONES BACK IN SERVICE

If you or your community group would like quantities of 3-1-1 flyers, stickers or refrigerator magnets, please e-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Office of Corporate Communications, at kevin.morison@dc.gov.

After going out of service briefly last weekend, the MPDC's non-emergency phone lines have been back in service for the past week. These non-emergency numbers are critical, because they provide a way for residents to contact the police in less-than-life-threatening situations. As such, they keep our 9-1-1 lines open for true police, fire and medical emergencies. (9-1-1 service was never affected by last weekend's problems.) For people calling

inside DC, the non-emergency number is (toll-free) 3-1-1; for people calling from outside the District, the non-emergency number is 202-727-1010. For more information about DC's 3-1-1 system, click on

www.mpd.org (Click on Telephone Directory and select the Quick Guide)

MPDC SEEKS CLUES IN HOMICIDE OF METRO TRANSIT OFFICER MARLON MORALES

Supported by a substantial reward offered by police and other organizations, MPDC detectives are seeking the public's help in solving the homicide of Metro Transit Officer Marlon Morales.

Morales was shot in the head on Sunday, June 10 while on patrol at the U Street/African American Civil War Memorial/Cardozo

Metrorail station. Officer Morales, a one-year veteran of the Department, died of his wounds at approximately 3:30 a.m. on

Wednesday. He is survived by a wife and three children, ages 11, 8 and 3 weeks. Detectives assigned to the Third District and other

MPDC personnel are spearheading the investigation (the MPDC is the lead law enforcement agency on all homicides committed in

DC). Anyone with information on this case should contact the

MPDC at 202-673-6914 or 202-727-9099; the Metro Transit Police

Criminal Investigations Division at 202-962-1792; or Crime Solvers at 1-800-673-2777. A reward of more than \$20,000 is being offered for information leading to an arrest, indictment and conviction of the offender. Read the news release about Officer Morales and his tragic death at:

As in the Officer Morales case, the MPDC is currently offering a \$10,000 reward to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any homicide committed in the District of Columbia. For information on recent homicides, go to the "News" section of the MPDC Web site, or visit the Crime Solvers page at:

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DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ANNOUNCES TICKET AMNESTY, OTHER PROVISIONS

Since the MPDC implemented its successful red-light camera program in August 1999, the District has chosen not to issue any points against violators. Under a bill passed earlier this year by the DC Council, that policy decision is now law: no photo-enforced tickets in the District (red-light cameras, photo radar, etc.) carry points. Learn more about the District's red-light camera program at:

www.mpdc.org
(Click on Services & Programs)

A major new law designed to facilitate the reengineering of DMV's operations, transform DMV into a customer friendly organization, and increase the efficiency and fairness of its adjudication processes has become law in the District. Among other provisions, the Motor Vehicle and Safe Driving Amendment Act of 2000 establishes an initial six-month amnesty period for moving violation tickets issued before April 9, 1997. The program provides that any person who, during the amnesty period, admits to the commission of an infraction by payment of the fine will have all applicable penalties and points waived. The law also provides for mandatory suspension and revocation of driver licenses based upon traffic points (at 10 and 12 points, respectively). Complete

details about the new law, including the amnesty program, can be found on the DMV Web site at:

dmv.dc.gov/ammendment/index.shtml

Information, ideas or comments about this service?

E-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kmorison_mpdc@excite.com.

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